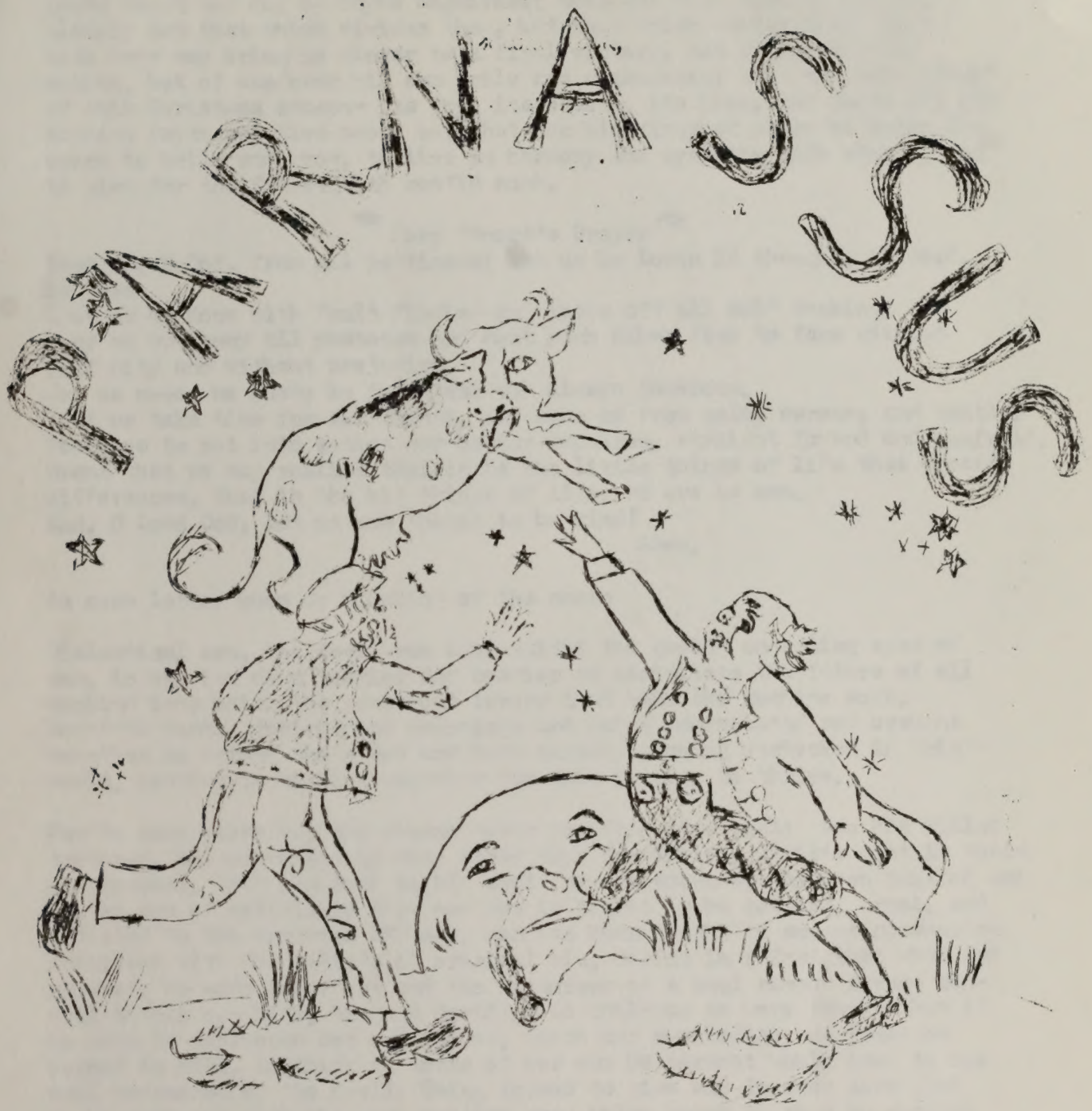
PARNASSUS

A Christmas Prayer

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding; that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by daybe magnified; that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them; that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses; that the true spirit of this Christmas season- its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith may live among us; that the blessings of peace be ours- the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confid ence.

Mary Stuart's Prayer

Keep us, O God, from all pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed
Let us be done with fault finding and leave off all self seeking.
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.
Let us take time for all things, and make us grow calm, serene, and gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight foward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize that it is the little things of life that create differences, that in the big things of life, we are as one.
And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind!

Amen.

An open letter upon my breaking of the chain

Dialectical man, the devil run amok amidst the gaping un-acting eyes of man, is bearing down heavier and heavier to assimilate the future of all mankind into being the gears and levers that make the machine work. Mankinds wants, desires and yearnings are being manipulated and brought together to extend the greed and hate already growing unchecked in this world. Mankind is meshing together for this monster to thrive.

For to many years has the church taken you from your soul: man has killed tortured, and oppressed in many other ways for Christ. Christs most im port-ant message, that man look to his soul for the answers, has been twisted and beaten out of religionso that now man is taught to be selfish, cruel, and addicted to the morphine of hate. Man has been taught to accept oppression instilled with the beliefs of original sin, saying in effect that what God created, he made imperfect and the possessor of a soul cannot assume con-trol of his own life, his own destiny. As children we were taught that if we were to experence our own selves, touch our own bodies, we would be burned in hell. To think in terms of our own betterment would lead to our soul possessed by the devil. Being forced to give and to show love (not to be confused with the same spelled word which means to show an emotion expressing our joy) has resulted in greed and hate perpetuated in the followings of our decendents. Our freedom has been taken from us by the very start of our lives. Church has joined forces with the state in schools, factories, etc.

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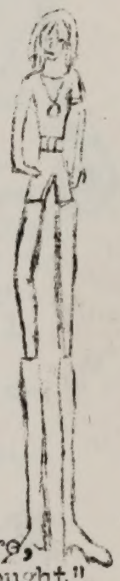
To be nobody but yourself,
In a world which is doing it's best,
Night and day, to make you everybody
else,
Means to fight the hardest battle
A human being can fight
And never stop fighting.

e. e. cummings

I found myself today
Trapped in four walls.
No windows, no gates
Just walls of stone.
My train outside
Was leaving soon;
It was the last.
I screamed and cryed
And pounded hard
My fists to break the rock;
I thought I could you know.
From wall to wall I ran,
And when my train had left
I sat and wept, then turned
And saw a door I didn't see
Before. I swear I pounded there,
And it was stone _____ "I thought".

Rich Murphy



ADMIN AND COMPLAINTS

A poll was taken to discover what the major complaints of the students at Northern Essex are. The following are the results:

I. Should recieve compensation for replacement of shocks and alignment costs on cars.

2. Mud is ruining about 2,500 pairs of shoes...which gets dragged into classrooms, which gets all over your clothes.

3. Need radio station like all the other "big Kid" colleges.

4. No soap in washrooms-cleanliness is next to godliness. Is this not a violation of the state sanitary law in public places?

5. Registration sucks-seniors are required specific coursas, almost all of which are closed by the second day of registration. Freshmen, who deserve a break, end up with a zero on the squar root of pooh all.

6. Course requirements should be centered around majors. Engineers don't need English and psychologists don't need geology, or such.

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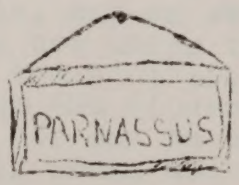

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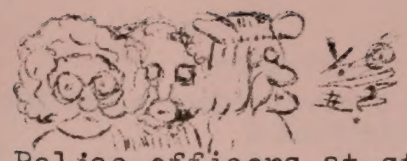

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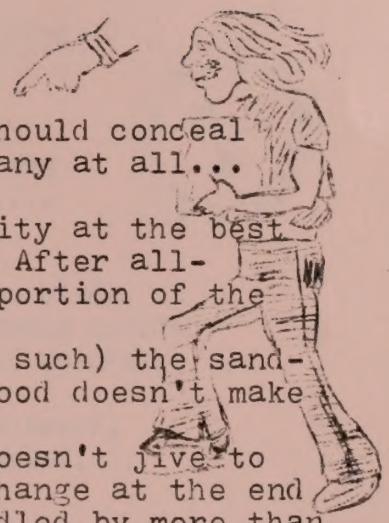

7. Police officers at student activity functions should conceal their weapons, if it is really necessary to carry any at all... And they also remain sober!
8. Students and faculty should have EQUAL opportunity at the best parking spots. Why must students have muddy spots. After all- students supply through tuition and taxes a large portion of the faculty salaries.
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"SPECTRUM"

I skimmed a stone across a lake, it sunk-
I laughed;
I flew a kite across the sky, it dropped-
I sighed;
I had a friend, but now he's gone-
I cried;
I loved a woman,.....; I died!

Organ Music Sutra

The key
is in the sunlight
in the window
The key
is in the window
in the sunlight
through the bars
in the window

and The Window
is the speaker
of the radio
and The Speaker
is Bach
and The Speaker is
Schweitzer
whose grey beard
is in the sunlight
whose fingers
touch the keys

and the Bars
are The Measures
of Infinity

and Infinity
is Light.

camosite

petals falling, inside and out,
not knowing the heat,
forming strong patterns
unmoved by the wind
pink on the bottom,
pale white on the top,
no movement together,
freedom untold, still felt.
long time before, long time to come,
the one moment binding,
seeing each other,
lifetime lasting.

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October

October,
russet earth
and low-hung sun
in grey sky.....

The old women
are fragile as birds.
P erched on their pealed
and splintered porches,
they chirp
and bob their heads,
like dried apples,
skin russet
and contoured
like rough earth
in autumn.

Stephan Hahn

"HAIKU"

I. The bud blossoms out,
its petals soft and fragrant.
It lives for today...

II. The puddle remains
While the storm passes on
to make more of its kind.

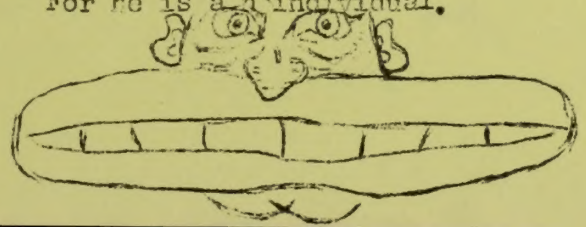
III. The stars are alive,
one flickers and fades out, the
universe lives on.

IV. Every blade of grass
combines to make a jungle
for all its creatures.

V. The sun is moody
he shines yellow at dawn and
glowers red at dusk.

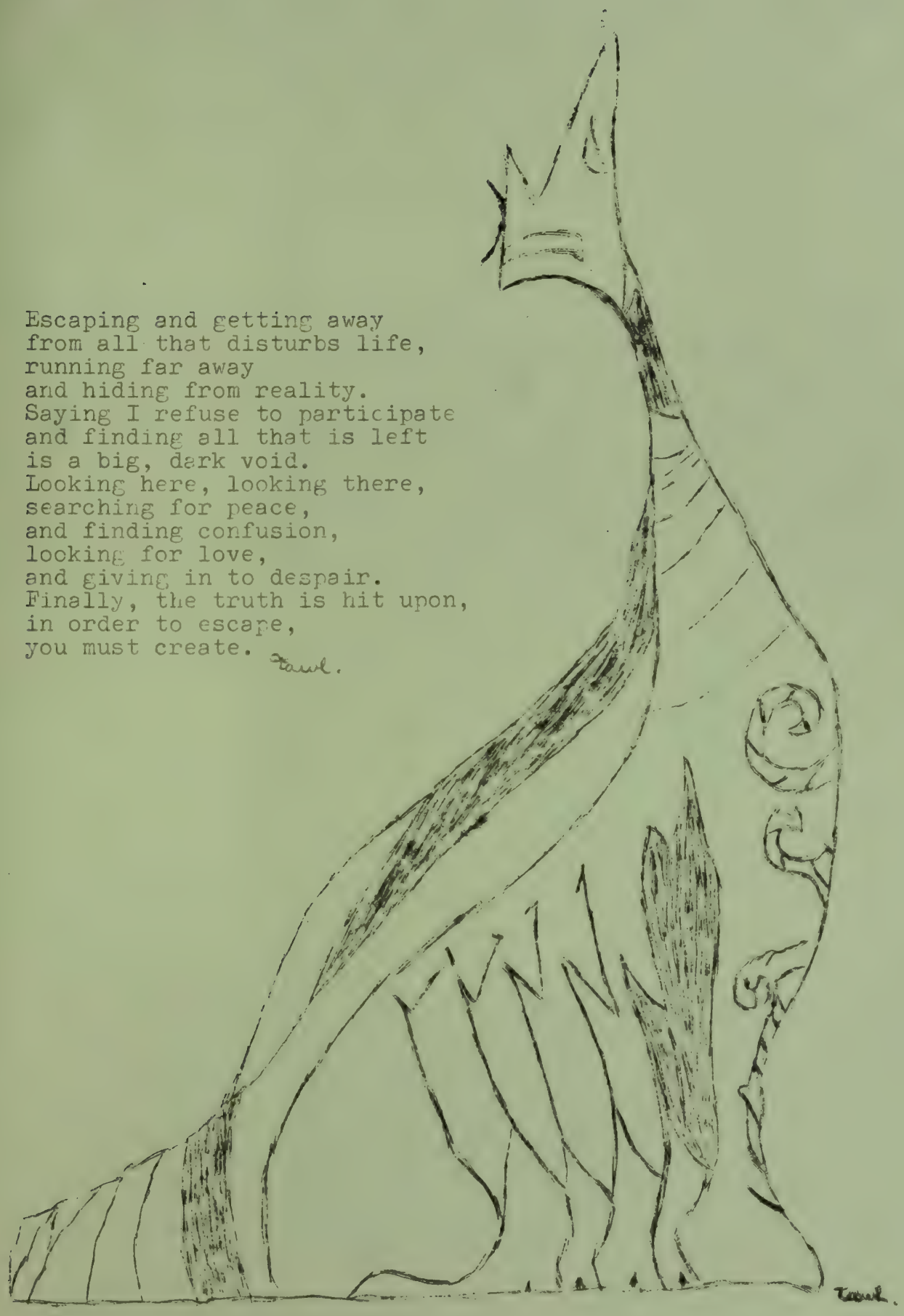
VI. A greeting can be
false. Only words can express
the true meaning of love.

One smile
Uniquely his own
N o one else has his smile
Or his destiny
It is his to shape
For he is an individual.



Escaping and getting away
from all that disturbs life,
running far away
and hiding from reality.
Saying I refuse to participate
and finding all that is left
is a big, dark void.
Looking here, looking there,
searching for peace,
and finding confusion,
looking for love,
and giving in to despair.
Finally, the truth is hit upon,
in order to escape,
you must create.

Paul.



Stop all of your talking people and listen to the voices of the young,

Listen to those you call childish, foolish, and headstrong.

Don't comment on or question what they say-just listen.

For if you are to learn from what you are hearing, you must listen carefully, we are saying much more than our words will express.

We are talking of things you have never thought of, of things you will not be able to comprehend until much later, of things we, ourselves, are not sure of, of things we are yet to understand.

We are asking for, we are living for, we are demanding a new era for the world, one which has never been seen before, hopefully to be seen ever after.

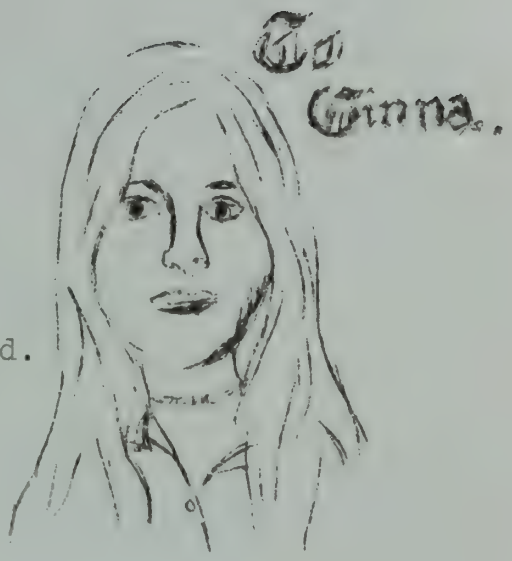
An era in which life is different, life is new, a time when people think of themselves and of others in a mode that is only practiced by a few today.

A time when people aren't afraid to trust, to love, and be honest with new another, time when life is not a crime and living is not something to be ashamed of.

We are talking about a change in life styles and a change in the pattern of human living.

We are proclaiming this a new age, a rebirth of mankind, a Renaissance.

tawl.



Freedom -
Just what is it?
Is it when
I SHAKE the bonds
holding me?
Or is it when
I Leave
all that I know?
Maybe freedom
is just a state of mind.
Maybe if you are responsible
you are free
& only free
when you are responsible
To be free
to SAY I AM
To believe I am.

tawl.

Ode to a not so fortunate Dibbs

Home is where the voices are
that unite the dreams
that untie the souls
of the depressed.
Often not the dreams of love
are discussed inside the house
and only father's dreams are mentioned
while the depressed are crying
and the two servants die slowly
unknown to even themselves
but no one bothers to listen
as the mother screams for her child
who lives behind the walls
in a realm non-existant,
but no one bothers to listen
as a voice wailing
lamenting a childhood past,
prays in the basement
that his youth may be returned
as the voices of the house
echo the noises
as an embalmer might cry
for a baby.
Home is where the night comes
and the night leaves each
into himself
and it is during the hours of darkness
that the voices within the walls
all mourn for youth
and the youth calls out to the walls
but is only captured by an elusive
moment
which brings him promise of tomorrow
and tomorrow shall come
and shall bring the youth no comfort
for the house shall still remain
and the walls shall still stand
and the walls shall still call
his young might one to accept his love
for a voice of mind is weak
but cannot penetrate the walls
and the wall confines
then the youth must exist
in secular lamentation
within the house of NERBS.

Gerry Murray

By the time we had gotten off
the trip was half over
we told him to 'take care'
knowing we didn't know
where he had come from or
where he was going,
we didn't even know his name
but we told him to take care of himself
because if he took care of himself
he, then, might have something to
care about.

If we sat down
and counted those we thought cared
for us
how long could we stretch the list
to make us feel important and needed.
But, if we could just take for granted
that all the people care and respect
the value of human life
words would be so unnecessary,
and all that would be needed is a
glance.

Earl

Earning recognition without getting it, is better than getting it without earning it.

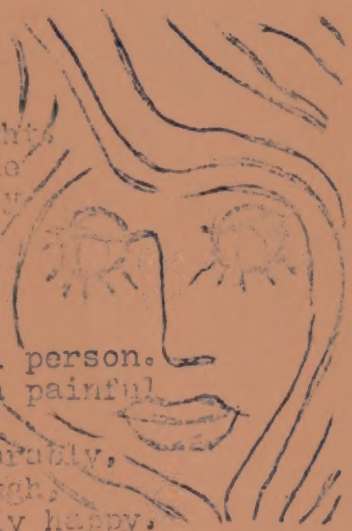
I;m standing, falling
I;m coughing, crying
I'm laughing, laughing
PJ

No, person, cry
you die
you live and die
and I'm laughing, laughing
spinning worlds,
blinding light, blinding dark-
ness
sheltered light, blinding dark-
ness
soft light blinding dark-
ness.

I'm standing falling
I'mlaughing crying
I'mlaughing, laughing

I suddenly have an insane
desire to crumple paper
and shoot it in the wastebasket
Idon't know why,or maybe I do
I don't do things like that
anymore.
I'm a man now.
Ihave important problems to
work out.
I just don't have time to
have fun anymore.

REDEMPTION BOND

The [illegible] dance started.
[illegible]
Scream and scratch, louder.
Lift your head and free it.
Come down with me to
reading white,
spitting life,
ultra brite,
morning right,
sonic flight,
straight and tight.
Come down with me
Damn the Almighty
He has no flesh
I do.
Damn you!

Stupid ungratful person.
I hope you die a painful
death,
and suffer unbearably,
because I'll laugh,
and be thoroughly happy.